



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(15)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 7, 2012

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the Mayor to
require that the County pay the same
average amount of funding for each
Head Start/Early Head Start slot,
to every delegate agency that will
provide Head Start/Early Head Start
Services for school year 2012-2013

The item was amended by the Economic Development and Social Services Committee to remove language that would require the Head Start cost-per-slot to factor in adjustments for costs related to care for children with special needs.

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jean Monestime and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.



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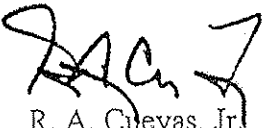


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A) (15)
2-7-12

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S
DESIGNEE TO REQUIRE THAT THE COUNTY PAY THE
SAME AVERAGE AMOUNT OF FUNDING FOR EACH HEAD
START/EARLY HEAD START SLOT TO EVERY DELEGATE
AGENCY THAT WILL PROVIDE HEAD START/EARLY
HEAD START SERVICES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2012-2013

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is a grantee of the Head Start and Early Head Start Program ("the Program"), which is funded and regulated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS"); and

WHEREAS, the Program is administered by the Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human Services Department and currently includes County-operated and delegate-agency-operated Program slots; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners ("the Commission") is the governing body of the Program; and

WHEREAS, 42 U.S.C. § 9837(c)(1) states the governing body has legal and fiscal responsibility for the Program and is responsible for approving the Program's budget and major financial expenditures; and

WHEREAS, 42 U.S.C. § 9837(c)(2) requires the Program to have a Policy Council comprised of parents and community members; and

WHEREAS, under 42 U.S.C. § 9837(c)(2), the Policy Council's responsibilities include approving and submitting to the governing body decisions regarding budget planning for Program expenditures; and

WHEREAS, 42 U.S.C. § 9837(c) and 45 C.F.R. § 1301.33 permit the County to delegate Head Start and Early Head Start slots to a delegate agency after receiving recommendations on the delegation from the Policy Council and after receiving approval from HHS; and

WHEREAS, 45 C.F.R. § 1304.50, Appendix A, requires the governing body and Policy Council to approve selection of delegate agencies; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Ordinance No. 09-31 states the Community Action Agency Board approves the Program budget prior to final approval by the Commission and recommends the selection of delegate agencies to the Commission once any necessary Policy Council approval is obtained and as consistent with County contracting policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, HHS has confirmed that funding may be allocated to delegate agencies according to an average per-child rate, adjusted as may be needed to meet children-specific needs such as those of children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2011, the Commission directed the Mayor or Mayor's designee to develop a plan to delegate County-operated Program slots, to present the plan to the Policy Council and Community Action Agency Board, and to report back to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor established the Task Force on School Readiness to address a number of issues affecting programs like Head Start; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Task Force on School Readiness recommends standardizing Head Start costs on a per-child basis,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Mayor or Mayor's designee require that the County pay the same average amount of funding for each Head

Start/Early Head Start per-child slot~~[[, adjusted as may be necessary for children with special needs,]]~~¹ to all delegate agencies that will provide Head Start/Early Head Start services for school year 2012-2013, including but not limited to delegate agencies that previously contracted with the County and delegate agencies that may assume slots previously directly operated by the County.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jean Monestime and the Co-Sponsor is Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan. It was offered by Commissioner

, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by

Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Lynda Bell
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

¹ Committee amendments are indicated as follows: words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted, words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< constitute the amendment proposed.

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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of February, 2012. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Estephanie S. Resnik